



**MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019
AT TOWN HALL, 118 LION BOULEVARD, SPRINGDALE, UTAH
SPECIAL MEETING BEGINS AT 4:30PM / REGULAR MEETING BEGINS AT 5:00PM**

Special meeting convened at 4:30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stanley J. Smith, Council members Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, Adrian Player and Mike Alltucker

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording.

Motion made by Randy Aton to approve the agenda for the January 9, 2019 special meeting; seconded by Lisa Zumpft.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Player: Aye

Alltucker: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Adrian Player to go into closed session for discussion of pending or reasonably imminent litigation; seconded by Lisa Zumpft.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Player: Aye

Alltucker: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Closed session commenced at 4:31pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stanley J. Smith, Council members Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, Adrian Player and Mike Alltucker

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording. Town Attorney Greg Hardman participated via teleconference.

Motion to adjourn closed session at 4:51pm made by Lisa Zumpft; seconded by Randy Aton.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Player: Aye

Alltucker: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

No action was required of the closed session. The regular meeting commenced at 5:00pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stanley J. Smith, Council members Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, Adrian Player and Mike Alltucker

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, DCD Tom Dansie, Treasurer Dawn Brecke, Chief of Police Garen Brecke, Deputy Clerk Katy Brown, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording.

Pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Stanley J. Smith.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the January 9, 2019 regular meeting agenda; seconded by Adrian Player.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Player: Aye

Alltucker: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

A. Information/Non-Action Items

1. General announcements: The state legislature had appropriated money to help bring natural gas to rural communities. Mayor Smith said the Town recently filled out a survey from Dominion Energy, a natural gas provider, and was waiting to hear back.

On Monday, Mayor Smith met with County Commissioners and Representative Brad Last about using county TRT money to help subsidize fire and EMS services. A bill was being drafted and would be presented during the upcoming legislative session. Senator Vickers and Senator Snow had also pledged support.

The St. George Travel and Convention Bureau hired a marketing firm to help develop a brand for the county. They would speak with and involve representatives from Springdale.

Ms. Carlson reported the Zion Joy to the World (JTW) New Year's Eve event was a great success. The Community Center was filled with people enjoying square dancing, refreshments and fireworks. It was estimated 250 or more watched the fireworks display. She thanked the Council for their support of the JTW events throughout the month of December.

2. Zion Park update: Superintendent Bradybaugh arrived at 5:20pm and reported:

- The Park had been given authorization to use already-collected fee revenue to support safety, law enforcement, and custodial issues. A number of partners had donated funds to help keep the Visitor's Center open which was important to communicate messages to the public.
- December visitation totals were not available since staff was not working. Currently, during the governmental shutdown, it was estimated 2,000 – 3,000 people were visiting the Park per day.
- Because Zion National Park started planning for a potential governmental shutdown in advance, they were able to shift and hold a few critical positions so employees could work. Superintendent Bradybaugh indicated they were walking a fine line between what they could spend at a time when fees were not being collected.

Mayor Smith thanked Superintendent Bradybaugh and his staff for their efforts. It had not been easy.

3. Continued discussion from December 12, 2018 and update on solution options for Springdale street lights: Mayor Smith spoke to Sternberg, the street light manufacturer. They provided pictures of shields that would block light trespass once installed (Attachment #1).

- Based on the Town's analysis and modeling, Mr. Dansie said Jeff McKee suggested other options, including blackout stickers on each LED, or a louvered grate that mounted on the fixture. The costs were about equal for either solution.

Mr. Player questioned the brightness of the lights and their effect on night sky.

- Mayor Smith said the lumens were dictated by UDOT therefore any changes would need to be negotiated with them.

The Council did not want any solution to void the street light warranty and seemed to prefer dealing with the manufacturer. Staff would install a sample of the manufacturer-provided shield and the Town-manufactured louvered grate to assess the results. The Council would discuss the findings at their next meeting.

4. Community questions and comments: None were asked.

B. Action Items – Administrative

1. Audit presentation of the 2017-18 budget: Caleb Rees was in attendance to present to the Council. The auditor's report determined the accuracy of the Town's financial statements and was found to be materially correct and accurate. Mr. Rees indicated the Town of Springdale received an unqualified opinion, which was the highest.

The audit analyzed internal controls which focused on segregation of duties. Mr. Rees was pleased to report there were no findings.

Each year the state auditor provided a list of items to review. Mr. Rees reported there were no findings with state compliance.

Because the Town received federal revenues this year, it went through a single audit. The single audit expanded the scope, internal controls, documentation and reporting required. Mr. Rees said Springdale complied with each major program. The Town would go through the single audit process again next year.

Under the financial statement, Mr. Rees noted the pension liability declined about 10% from the previous year.

- Mr. Alltucker was still concerned about the discount rate, which seemed arbitrary.

The Town of Springdale had a healthy general fund balance. Utility funds, including the water, sewer and building authority fund, had revenues which exceeded expenditures. The only fund being subsidized was the irrigation fund.

Mr. Alltucker asked about receivables over 90-days.

- Mr. Rees said anything over 90-days was reported, however since their reasonableness to collect was diminished, they were taken off the financial statements.

Mr. Rees thanked the staff for gathering all the necessary information to conduct the audit. He said the Town was great to work with.

The Mayor gratefully acknowledged the work of Ms. Brecke and Mr. Wixom. Because of them, the audit had been shining year-after-year. In particular, Mayor Smith appreciated the work Ms. Brecke did and he wanted the community to be aware. He indicated many other communities were envious of Springdale.

No motion was required.

2. Consideration and approval of engagement letter from Rees & Hughes Certified Public Accountants for auditor services, FY 2018-19: Ms. Zumpft asked about the right to hire a third party as called out in the contract.

- If elements of the audit exceeded his scope of expertise, this provision would allow Mr. Rees to hire a contractor who could provide assistance.

Mr. Alltucker noted the structure of the contract had changed from a lump sum to an hourly with a cap.

- Mr. Rees said his fees would be capped at \$10,000 which included the single audit.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the engagement letter from Rees & Hughes Certified Public Accountants for auditor services FY 2018-19, and authorize the Mayor to sign; seconded by Mike Alltucker.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Player: Aye

Alltucker: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Request for cost sharing for curb and gutter installation next to the public multi-use trail on Big Springs Road and Desert Springs Drive: Mike Marriott was in attendance to address the Council.

Mr. Marriott explained Canyon Springs Road would be rebuilt and repaved, during which time Mr. Dansie suggested the public pathway be better delineated with a plant-on curb. During the approval process for an excavation permit, the Planning Commission included the condition a barrier be added for the public trail.

The bid to install a plant-on curb was estimated at \$12,000; however, Mr. Marriott felt this solution would likely not be as durable as a curb and gutter.

- The estimate for curb and gutter was \$48,200 and the property owners requested the Town pay half of this amount since it was the Town who conditioned the trail/street delineation.
- Mr. Dansie clarified the Planning Commission condition and said it required the applicant to coordinate with the Town to construct a concrete curb, gutter or other approved barrier between the roadway and the multi-use trail. The Town did not own the road but had an easement for the multi-use trail.

During the SR-9 project, if the Town wanted more than UDOT was willing to pay, it was considered a betterment. Betterments were paid for by Springdale. The Mayor felt this situation was similar and anything done above and beyond what the Town was willing to pay for should be the responsibility of the property owner.

Mr. Marriott said the Town would need to maintain the plant-on curb which was not as durable.

- Mayor Smith said the Town understood they had an obligation to maintain the easement.

Mr. Alltucker said the curb and gutter proposal provided some advantages including better drainage, better delineation and reduced maintenance, however he struggled with the cost. By his estimation, the \$12,000 would cover the cost for the ready-mix concrete for the curb and gutter. He felt this was a fair contribution.

- Mr. Aton agreed it was a betterment and did not think the Town should pay for half the cost. He felt receiving \$12,000 was a reasonable contribution.

Ms. Zumpft asked Mr. Marriot why they wanted to do more than the plant-on curb.

- Mr. Marriott said the plant-on curb was easily broken which did not enhance the curb appeal for the nearby hotels.

Motion made by Mike Alltucker that upon successful completion of the project the Town reimburse the owner/applicant \$12,000 for 1,100 linear feet of standard curb and gutter installed adjacent to the Town pathway; seconded by Adrian Player.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Player: Aye

Alltucker: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible decision regarding proposed materials used for construction of the Moenave bike trail: Mr. Dansie said the Town had a network of ten-foot-wide (10') trails in the Moenave Subdivision constructed from road base. Since road base was not ideal for functionality and long-term durability, money was put in the budget this year to change the trail surface. Staff presented information on alternative surfacing options including decomposed granite, concrete, and asphalt.

Mr. Alltucker, Ms. Zumpft, Mr. Dansie and Robert George walked the project and considered the proposed surfaces. Mr. Alltucker said it became clear the decomposing granite option did not make sense due to run-off/drainage issues, serviceability of the surface, and maintenance.

Asphalt was less expensive initially, but the Council should consider life-cycle costs. It was suggested Sunrise Engineering prepare a proposal on the design, specs, and costs associated with either asphalt or concrete surface. The Council would consider the proposal at their next regular meeting.

No motion was needed.

5. Resolution 2019-01, Revising the fee schedule for Town operations, including an increase to water usage rates, effective February 1, 2019: Two years ago, during the bonding process for the new water treatment plant, the Council decided to roll existing debt into new debt. In order to make this work, water rates would increase over time. The Town instituted a five-percent (5%) increase in January 2017. This was the second of three proposed increases. Mr. Wixom outlined the revised rates in the staff report.

Approving the resolution now would affect rates as of February 1st; the costs of which would be reflected on the March bill.

- Mr. Alltucker felt it was important to communicate with rate payers so they understood why rates were going up; therefore, the effective date would be pushed to March 1st instead. Information could be provided in the February newsletter.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to pass Resolution 2019-01, a resolution revising the fee schedule for Town operations including an increase in water usage rates effective March 1, 2019; seconded by Randy Aton.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Player: Aye

Alltucker: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Recommendations and appointments of Council members for county board and Town committee assignments: Ms. Zumpft noted both her and Mr. Alltucker were on the Parking Committee.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the recommendations and appointments of Council members for county board and Town committee assignments with the adjustment of adding Lisa Zumpft to the Parking Committee; seconded by Mike Alltucker.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Player: Aye

Alltucker: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Invoices:

Invoice Date	Invoice No.	Vendor	Amount	Budgeted	Description
11/28/2018	6/18/1945	DB Freight Forwarding LLC	\$ 1,528.00	Yes	Wood chips for playground
11/23/2018	J002650	Dorsett Technologies	10,000.00	Yes	WTP Pay Request #13
11/14/2018	11220697	Hach Company	553.00	Yes	New WTP Equipment
11/9/2018	26593	Lexpol LLC	2,333.00	Yes	Yearly Subscription
11/6/2018	98259	Sunrise Engineering	17,753.06	Yes	WTP Pay Request #13
11/16/2018	9818551545	Verizon	2,501.75	Yes	Cell Service
12/1/2018	12/1/2018	Zac Weiland	800.00	Yes	Monthly Prosecution Retainer
12/5/2018	12/5/2018	Zion Roof Repairs	2,770.00	Yes	Repair for Gazebo Roof
9/30/2018	8/25/2389	Imaging Concepts	2,082.00	Yes	Copier for WTP
12/12/2018	12/12/2018	Arthur F Jueschke	2,500.00	Yes	Lot 37 Balanced Rock Hills Purchase
12/2/2018	8000-9090-0957-9686 12/2/18	Purchase Power	550.98	Yes	Postage
12/3/2018	3931	Rees & Hughes CPA's	3,000.00	Yes	June 30, 2018 Audit Completion
11/30/2018	0233-000625925	Republic Services #233	568.31	Yes	Dumpster Services
11/15/2018	98610	Sunrise Engineering	8,092.00	Yes	Zion Shadows Waterline Replacement Project
11/30/2018	68919	Washington County Solid Waste	3,695.28	Yes	Garbage Billing
12/3/2018	CR16637	Century Equipment	990.00	Yes	23rd Monthly rental on case 580sn backhoe
12/13/2018	12/13/2018	Old School Construction	500.57	Yes	Countertop Install-Shadell's Office
12/11/2018	12/11/18 Consolidated	Rocky Mountain Power	5,822.66	Yes	Electric Service
11/30/2018	97084	Snow Jensen & Reece	4,522.18	Yes	Town of Springdale Vs. Irrigation Company
11/30/2018	97082	Snow Jensen & Reece	4,890.35	Yes	General Representation
11/21/2018	1080	The Tree Guy	4,800.00	Yes	Tree and Limb Trimming
12/12/2018	61130	A-1 Locksmith Services	718.81	Yes	Padlocks for Public Works, streets, & Parks
12/20/2018	Claim#FDT9025001 #1	Dealer Collision	696.73	Yes	Claim FDT9025 Supplement 1 (Bulkley)
12/20/2018	Claim#FDT9025001 #2	Dealer Collision	957.60	Yes	Claim FDT9025 Supplement 2 (Bulkley)
11/30/2018	12624645	Kimley-Horn & Associates	11,611.60	Yes	Wayfinding Services
12/12/2018	129486	Southern Utah Distributing	783.20	Yes	Sanitary Supplies for New WTP & Parks
12/4/2018	21765	Sterling Codifiers	1,548.00	Yes	Codification of Ordinances 2018-11 through 2018-17
			96,569.08		

Mayor Smith requested the blanket approvals for the single event permits be moved from the consent agenda and placed as a separate action item on the agenda for next year.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Adrian Player.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Player: Aye

Alltucker: Aye.

Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Non-Action Items

Council Department Reports and General Discussion: Mr. Alltucker said the Streets Department worked on a fire hydrant fix near the Driftwood, cleaned up streets and tumbleweeds, took down Christmas decorations, and attended to a number of Blue Stakes projects.

- Mayor Smith said he often heard compliments regarding Springdale streets from others in the county.

Mr. Player reported on the water treatment plant and said they were testing and troubleshooting. The old water plant could be decommissioned thirty (30) days after the state approved the new facility.

- During the recent Mayor's meeting, Mayor Smith learned there was a proposed bill which would require irrigation water be metered.

- Mr. Wixom commented there was a lot of resistance due to the costs involved. He mentioned that part of the proposed legislation included the creation of a state fund that could help with costs.

Ms. Zumpft would attend the Clean Air Forum on January 24th. She was working with Ryan Gubler and staff to organize a community project to clean up tumbleweeds and goat heads on the other side of the river at River Park. More information would be provided in the newsletter.

Mr. Aton indicated a draft of the Virgin River Management Plan was well underway. Once finalized by March, it would go through public review. Mr. Aton said the Plan used goals and objectives from the General Plan as a guideline. Recommendations from the Plan would eventually flow to the ordinances.

Mr. Aton reported that County Commissioners had started the process to change the boundary of the Rockville/Springdale Fire Protection District (RSFPD) to be included with Hurricane Valley. The ninety-day (90) protest period ended on January 14th. So far, they had not received any protest letters therefore the boundary change would likely go through. Eventually the RSFPD Board would be dissolved; however, there would be representatives from Sprindgale and Rockville on the Hurricane Valley Board.

- According to the County Commissioners, Mayor Smith said fees imposed throughout the District would be equivalent for all communities serviced by Hurricane Valley.

Mayor Smith said the Council of Governments recently discussed the ¼ percent gas tax increase. This tax would generate the most money if county-imposed; therefore, the county intended to draft a resolution of support which the Council would consider at their next regular meeting. Mayor Smith indicated gas tax revenues had declined over the years due to more energy efficient and electric cars. This tax increase was intended for roads and transit.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:46pm made by Lisa Zumpft; seconded by Randy Aton.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Player: Aye

Alltucker: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Darci Carlson, Town Clerk

APPROVAL: _____ DATE: _____

A recording of the public meeting is available by contacting the Town Clerk's Office. Please call 435-772-3434 or email springdale@infowest.com for more information.



